

Commission on Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
April 18, 2016

Present: Chair Christine Robertson, Secretary Mary Morrisroe, Commissioners: Kathy Brennan, Marion Freer, Mary Ann O'Grady, Alice Kenny Lucas, Advisor: Karen Gaudian, Ridgefield Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Absent: Lizabeth Doty, Sheila Silverman, Dayna Sierakowski

Tony Phillips, Ridgefield Director of Social Services attended.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair Chris Robertson. In her opening remarks Ms. Robertson:

- Welcomed Ms. Gaudian who had been absent
- Reviewed the agenda and told the commission today's meeting would again focus on the revision of the *Ridgefield Directory of Services for Seniors and Residents* however, the discussion would be led by Ms. Kenny because Ms. Doty, the coordinator of the revision, was unavailable.

Minutes

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and amended with the following actions:

- Add the names of the absent commissioners: Ms. O'Grady, Ms. Sierakowski.
- Include the March minutes when sending the April minutes to Ms. Freer.

Motion: Ms. Morrisroe made the motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Second: Ms. Brennan

Vote: Accepted by acclamation.

New Business

- Ms. Robertson introduced the *CT Senior Go To Guide*.
- Mr. Phillips:
 - Announced that the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association's (RVNA) new building had opened.
 - CT Renter's Rebate program opened April 1 and will run through September 30. This reimbursement program for elderly or totally disabled residents is managed locally by the Ridgefield Tax Assessor's office. Additional eligibility criteria exist (NOTE: see <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?q=383154> for program details).

Old Business

- Mr. Phillips opened the discussion on the commission's advocacy for the Ridgefield Department of Social Services (RDSS). Last month, the commission discussed lobbying the Ridgefield Board of Selectmen for additional support for RDSS. The

commission considered sending a letter to the Board but no action was taken. This month, Ms. O'Grady led a discussion on the idea of individual action by the commissioners. This discussion led to the following motion:

Motion: Ms. O'Grady moved that each commissioner shall contact at least one member of the Ridgefield Board of Selectmen to express her interest in the Board of Selectmen increasing support to the RDSS.

Second: Ms. Brennan

Vote: Accepted by acclamation.

- Having talked with Ms. Doty regarding the plan for the directory revision, Ms. Kenny led a discussion on updating the Application for Contractors and Tradespersons. It was suggested that two applications be drafted: one for Contractors and Tradesperson and another for Agencies and Support Organizations, to facilitate tracking revisions. This discussion led to the following motion:

Motion: Ms. Kenny moved that two applications be drafted: one for Contractors and Tradesperson and another for Agencies and Support Organizations. These will be reviewed and edited by the commissioners at our next meeting.

Second: Ms. Morrisroe

Vote: Accepted by acclamation.

- Ms. Robertson updated the commission on the draft cover for the directory.

- Ms. Brennan discussed the upcoming ***Rides For Ridgefield*** transportation provider meeting. She encouraged commissioners to attend in order to learn more about ***Rides for Ridgefield***.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Robertson at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Kenny Lucas, Commissioner